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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Five months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed May 12, 2004 from July 12, 2004, up to and including December 12, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$1,040.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/2422. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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